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Letter dated 22 March 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

I am writing in reference to the strengthening of the Security Council sanctions regime against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea following the adoption of resolution 2397 (2017).

Pursuant to paragraph 17 of that resolution, I am transmitting herewith the report of Mexico on the measures taken to implement effectively the provisions of the resolution (see annex).

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Report of Mexico on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017)

In order to implement effectively Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the other Security Council resolutions prohibiting the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from developing nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles and imposing sanctions against individuals or entities linked to their development, the Government of Mexico wishes to hereby report on the measures taken to date by its competent authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Navy, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Office of the Attorney-General and National Immigration Institute of the Ministry of the Interior), within their respective areas of competence:

On 15 February 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published in the Official Gazette of the Federation the decision setting out the resolutions adopted and lists issued by the Security Council concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including resolution 2397 (2017).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economic Affairs have updated the decision, which establishes measures restricting the export or import of various goods to or from the countries, entities and individuals listed therein (embargo decision), with a view to implementing the expanded measures imposed by the Security Council concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea relating to the export and import of the materials and goods set out in Security Council resolution 2397 (2017). They have also updated the corresponding lists related to the import or export of goods from or to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), in accordance with Security Council resolution 2397 (2017). The publication of the updated embargo decision in the Official Gazette of the Federation is in progress.

The Financial Intelligence Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit has reported that the financial reform process which was initiated in 2014, established, among other things, the concept of "blocked persons", whereby the various agencies and institutions in the financial sector are required to immediately suspend acts, transactions or services with customers or users on the list issued by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit.

The Financial Intelligence Unit has established that being listed by the Security Council and its sanctions committees is one of the criteria for inclusion on the blocked persons list. In that connection, financial institutions have an obligation to immediately suspend acts, transactions or services with customers or users reported to them by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit through a blocked persons list, which is confidential. The purpose of the blocked persons list is to prevent and detect acts, omissions or transactions involving resources that could be used for the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Accordingly, the Unit has updated the blocked persons list in line with annex I of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017).

The National Immigration Institute has added the individuals listed in annex I to resolution 2397 (2017) to the national immigration watch lists, to prevent their entry into or transit through Mexico. However, the Institute has reported that Kim

Jong Sik and Ri Pyong Chul could not be added to the immigration watch lists because both the nationality and the date of birth are required for effective immigration control.

The Ministry of the Navy constantly monitors maritime traffic to ensure the early detection and identification of foreign vessels sailing towards Mexican waters. The Ministry has instructed naval command units and port authorities to work with general port administrations to monitor and report cases of North Korean vessels attempting to reach Mexican ports, pursuant to Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2397 (2017).

The Ministry of Defence has requested that its agencies and administrative units refrain from engaging in any type of commercial activity with North Korea and from conducting any transactions in compliance with resolution 2397 (2017), including procurement contracts, leases, service agreements, purchasing agreements and intelligence services contracts.

The Office of the Attorney-General has disseminated the contents of resolution 2397 (2017) to all its administrative units so that they can take appropriate measures to implement the resolution. The relevant authorities of the Tax Administration Service have also been notified of the individuals and entities listed in annexes I and II of the resolution, and of the other sanctions established by the resolution, for its proper implementation.